

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Garabed Haytaian, Treasurer New Jersey Republican State Committee 28 West State Street, Suite 305 Trenton, NJ 08608

JUN 13 2001

Identification Number:

C00164418

Reference:

Year End Report (11/28/00-12/31/00)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

The Detailed Summary Page, on Line 18 Column A of your report, discloses \$119,831.50 in transfers from the non-federal account for joint activity for the reporting period. However, Line 21 (a)(ii) Column A discloses \$81,974.41 as the non-federal share for joint activity for the reporting period. While the non-federal account is permitted to transfer funds to the federal account for shared activity, transfers for shared activity must be made within a 70-day time period: no more than 10 days before or 60 days after the payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of the transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer back to the non-federal account, the total excessive amount which was received by your federal account outside the 70-day time period. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Schedules H2 and H4 disclose 100% federal activity. Please be advised that by definition, this activity does not qualify as a shared expense to be allocated between your federal and non-federal accounts. This activity should be itemized on a Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary

Page. Any reimbursement from your committee's non-federal account for any portion of this activity is not permissible and must be returned. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses "New Jersey Republican State Committee" as the name of account for transfers received from your non-federal account for shared activity. Please verify that these transfers were in fact received from your committee's non-federal account and amend your report with clarifying information.

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule(s) H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): "consulting fees". For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-Please clarify all expenditures made for "Rally Ads" on Schedule(s) H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-The credit card memo entries disclosed on Schedule H4 disclose payments in the aggregate of \$39,608.04. However, the credit card payments for the memo entries total to \$21,230.35. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Transfers to affiliated/other political committees, such as your nonfederal account, should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 22 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

-For future filings, please note that your committee need only file the pages on which you have itemized activity. Schedules with <u>no</u> activity may be omitted.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days

NEW JERSEY REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE PAGE 3

of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press i, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Octive K-8

Reports Analyst

Report Analysis Division

285